

Pay Bill

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Action Set on Pay Bill Oversight

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Senate Civil Service Committee expects to act tomorrow on legislation making the recently signed-into-law Federal employee pay raise retroactive for some 125,000 non-Classified white collar employees whose salaries are set by their agency heads under special laws.

A legislative oversight denied them the retroactivity granted postal and Classified employees when the pay bill went thru Congress.

Sen. Olin Johnston (D., S. C.), the Civil Service Committee chairman, has taken the lead in correcting the oversight.

At tomorrow's session, he hopes to tie corrective legislation onto a House-approved bill making Government-sponsored group health and life insurance available to D. C. temporary teachers with at least two years service.

The bill already has been o.k'd by a Senate Civil Service sub-committee.

There's every reason to believe it will have smooth sailing thru the full committee, and the Senate.

Then it will be up to the House to either accept the amended bill, or send it to a House-Senate conference committee for final shaping.

In any event, the prospects

appear excellent that the eventual bill passed by Congress will make the raises for non-Classifieds retroactive to the first pay period after July 1—the same formula the original pay bill provides for other Federal workers.

White collar employees with retroactivity at stake include non-Classifieds in Atomic Energy Commission, Central Intelligence Agency, Government Printing Office, Central Intelligence Agency, Tennessee Valley Authority and other agencies—plus a scattered several thousand high-level engineers and scientists who are paid at agency-set rates.